

Our Purpose is to Fulfill God's Mission.

(A message that helps us to realize the incredible importance of us all being a part of the great commission and sharing the gospel with everyone that is in our sphere of influence)

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Main Scripture:

Acts 20:24

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Introduction:

Well good morning to you all and to all those viewers on YouTube and those that are listening on iTunes or podcast. It is such an honour and privilege to have you connecting and sharing this time with us.

We have been looking at our purpose for the last 6 weeks and the title of my sermons were:

Living a Life of Purpose

- 1. Our Purpose is to Please God.**
- 2. Our Purpose is to Be a Part of God's Family.**
- 3. Our Purpose is to Become Christ-like.**
- 4. Our Purpose is to Serve God.**

Last week my title was:

- 5. Our Purpose is to Worship God.**

My title this morning is:

- 6. Our Purpose is to Fulfill God's Mission.**

Introduction:

What do you think is that God's mission is for you to fulfill?

So what are you doing about it?

- 1. I am created to fulfill a mission.**

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task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.

All of us have a ministry in the body of Christ and a mission in the world that He calls us to fulfill.

Every single Kingdom citizen or should I say Christian is called to be an ambassador or representative of the Lord Jesus Christ here on earth.

John 17:18 (NIV)

18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

Our mission here on earth is to introduce people to the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. This is every believer’s mission here on earth. If you refuse to do this then quite obviously you are not a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is God's desire that every human being be reconciled to the Lord Jesus Christ and is snatched from the claws of Satan so that we can fulfill the purposes He created us for in this world:

1. To love Him.
2. To be part of His family.
3. To become like Him.
4. To serve Him.
5. To worship Him.
6. To tell others about Him.

We are all called as the body of Christ to carry on the mission of Jesus here on earth.

Matthew 28:18–20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^a the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This is a command given to every single believer. This is not just a commandment given to the five-fold ministry, but to every single believer.

2 Corinthians 5:20

20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Can you tell me if you knew the answer to save someone from cancer and you withheld the answer would that not be criminal? How much more so is not sharing the truth of salvation with this world?

Matthew 24:14

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Satan would do anything to get you to be distracted and do anything besides sharing the truth of the

^a Or *into*; see Acts 8:16; 19:5; Romans 6:3; 1 Cor. 1:13; 10:2 and Gal. 3:27.

gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 9:62

⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

May we all reach more people for the Lord Jesus than we ever dreamt possible. May we take hold of the plow and keep plowing and never stop.

2. I am created to share my life's message.

The minute that you are born again you become God's messenger.

Your life's message has four parts:

- a) Your testimony.
- b) Your life's lessons.
- c) Your godly passions.
- d) Your salvation messages.

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

Make sure that you are always ready and willing to share the gospel and use every way possible and, every opportunity possible, to make the truth of the gospel known to all people. Be prepared and ready at all times.

Use your tough times as an opportunity to learn and use it for the glory of God and to share the truth of salvation.

3. I am created to be an obedient kingdom citizen.

Mark 16:15

¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

Sadly, today, many so called Christians are very worldly and self-centered. They go to seminars and concerts and prayer meeting, but they are not interested in fulfilling the mission known as the

You are not called to use God for your purposes, but instead we need to be used for His purposes. We were saved to serve others and to share the truth of the gospel with everyone that is around us.

Today we have no excuse not to share the truth because we can communicate with most people around the world via Wi-Fi and get anyplace in the world in a few hours via airplanes. This makes reaching the world and spreading the truth to the whole world very quick and easy. This means that the return of the Lord is much sooner than ever before.

The only barrier to people hearing the truth is the way we as Christians think.

May we all live a life of significance as we get involved in helping fulfill the great commission.

James 4:17

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

So now we all know the good of sharing the gospel that we are commanded to do and if we don't then we are sinning.

4. I am created to live a balanced life.

If you do not live a life based on purpose, then you are existing and experimenting with life. God is calling us all to live purposefully to and for His glory.

With this all said and done we are to live a balanced life and not one that only thinks of one aspect of life in Christ and live your life with purpose.

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Re-Cap:

- 1. I am created to fulfill a mission.**
- 2. I am created to share my life's message.**
- 3. I am created to be an obedient kingdom citizen.**
- 4. I am created to live a balanced life.**

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Amen.

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